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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR INVITES PAKISTAN TO ANNAPOLIS

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Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) Summary: Ambassador called on Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) caretaker Foreign Minister (FM) Inamul Haq 21 November to invite him to attend the November 26-27 conference in Washington and Annapolis to advance Arab-Israeli peace. FM Haq pleasantly and courteously said he would need a few days to decide if he would be able to attend, citing speculation that the conference might be delayed, and responsibilities pertaining to planning for elections and dealing with the state of emergency. FM Haq suggested MFA Director General Ghalib Iqbal, who also attended the meeting and follows the Middle East, might be a suitable candidate to attend if he cannot go. Meeting touched on additional topics and post will report on them septel. End Summary.

¶2. (C) Ambassador called on MFA FM Inamul Haq to invite him to the November 26-27 conference in Washington and Annapolis to advance Arab-Israeli peace and rally international support for the parties' efforts (as per reftel). DG Ghalib Iqbal and PolOff joined the meeting. Ambassador told FM Haq we would value and welcome his attendance. Ambassador noted the Secretary and the President would be in attendance, as will

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Palestinian President Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Olmert. Ambassador highlighted other conference events.

¶3. (C) FM Haq politely thanked Ambassador for the invitation, but said he heard rumors the conference might be delayed because the Israelis and Palestinians had not yet resolved a joint communique that is supposed to precede the meeting. Ambassador responded we will inquire with Washington about the status of the communique and reiterated our interest in Pakistan participating in the conference. FM Haq said he would deliver and discuss the invitation with Musharraf and the caretaker Prime Minister. FM Haq noted that work in Pakistan--elections, the state of emergency, and multilateral talks--might prevent him from attending. FM Haq suggested DG Ghalib Iqbal might be a good candidate to attend if his responsibilities prevent him from traveling to the US.

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